

FEMA Aid Information

President Barack Obama declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Tennessee and ordered federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, straight-line winds, and tornadoes beginning on April 30, 2010.

The President's action makes Federal funding available to affected individuals in the counties of Cheatham, Davidson, Hickman and Williamson.

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

The following web site has been set up specifically for this declared disaster:

<http://www.fema.gov/news/event.fema?id=12789>

What to Do

1. Document everything
 - a. Take pictures, take notes
 - b. Keep receipts for any costs incurred associated with disaster, including nights in hotel rooms, lost wages from missing work and materials purchased for clean up – error on the side of inclusiveness
 - c. For businesses, include estimates of lost income from being closed due to disaster
2. Take Pre-Screening Questionnaire to obtain and apply for the most accurate list of disaster forms of assistance for which you may be eligible
 - a. http://www.disasterassistance.gov/daip_en.portal;jsessionid=IP4WLhGHyrxK80Y61nRygd8pJrq1zcLBmJQFRkXPWLHHbXkTcsnN!-1536259488?nfpb=true&pageLabel=gbcc_page_questionnaire&nfls=false
3. Register with FEMA by calling 1-800-621-3362 or visiting www.disasterassistance.gov to apply for assistance immediately by creating an account and completing an online application (NOTE: register as soon as possible because FEMA only allows registration for a certain window, which has not been established yet for this declared disaster)

What to Expect

FEMA will locate a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC), which is a mobile office you can go for information about FEMA or other disaster assistance programs, or for questions related to your case, in the Nashville region over the next few weeks. Some of the services that a DRC may provide include:

- Guidance regarding disaster recovery
- Clarification of any written correspondence received
- Housing Assistance and Rental Resource information
- Answers to questions, resolution to problems and referrals to agencies that may provide further assistance
- Status of applications being processed by FEMA
- SBA program information if there is a SBA Representative at the Disaster Recovery Center site

The following web site will help you locate the DRC in the Nashville region when it opens:

<http://www.fema.gov/assistance/opensdrcs.shtm>.

